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H. R. 3823

To authorize conveyance of a National Defense Reserve Fleet vessel to the Ohio War Memorial, Inc., for use as a memorial to Ohio veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 1998

Mr. GILLMOR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO CONVEY NATIONAL DEFENSE**
4 **RESERVE FLEET VESSEL.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO CONVEY.**—The Secretary of
6 Transportation may convey all right, title, and interest of
7 the Federal Government in and to the vessel USS LO-
8 RAIN COUNTY (LST–1177) to the Ohio War Memorial,
9 Inc., located in Sandusky, Ohio (in this section referred

1 to as the “recipient”), for use as a memorial to Ohio veter-
2 ans.

3 (b) TERMS OF CONVEYANCE.—

4 (1) DELIVERY OF VESSEL.—In carrying out
5 subsection (a), the Secretary shall deliver the ves-
6 sel—

7 (A) at the place where the vessel is located
8 on the date of conveyance;

9 (B) in its condition on that date; and

10 (C) at no cost to the Federal Government.

11 (2) REQUIRED CONDITIONS.—The Secretary
12 may not convey a vessel under this section unless—

13 (A) the recipient agrees to hold the Gov-
14 ernment harmless for any claims arising from
15 exposure to hazardous material, including as-
16 bestos and polychlorinated biphenyls, after con-
17 veyance of the vessel, except for claims arising
18 before the date of the conveyance or from use
19 of the vessel by the Government after that date;
20 and

21 (B) the recipient has available, for use to
22 restore the vessel, in the form of cash, liquid as-
23 sets, or a written loan commitment, financial
24 resources of at least \$100,000.

1 (3) ADDITIONAL TERMS.—The Secretary may
2 require such additional terms in connection with the
3 conveyance authorized by this section as the Sec-
4 retary considers appropriate.

5 (c) OTHER UNNEEDED EQUIPMENT.—The Secretary
6 may convey to the recipient of the vessel conveyed under
7 this section any unneeded equipment from other vessels
8 in the National Defense Reserve Fleet, for use to restore
9 the vessel conveyed under this section to museum quality.

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